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For: AN IMAGE PICK-UP DEVICE	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in order to facilitate processing of the above-identified application and responds to the Office Action dated February 22, 2006 (Paper No. 02182006). Attached to this Amendment is an Information Disclosure Statement. Please amend the above-noted application as follows: